

Response to Restriction Requirement
Application No. 10/551,140
Attorney Docket No. 053158

(C) the retarder characteristics depicted by claim 6

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Species (A), retarder characteristics of claim 2** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

The indication in the Office Action that **claim 1 is generic to all species** is acknowledged.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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